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Subject: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has released a new Federal Investigations Notice (FIN) to announce revisions to the INV Form 79A, ***"Report of Agency Adjudication Action."***

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Scope and Effect: This is an internal advisory document for use by USDA personnel involved in implementing USDA's personnel security program.

Supersession: None.

Background: The 79A is completed by a personnel security specialist to report their adjudicative decision on OPM background investigations. The Personnel and Document Security Division (PDSD) reports their adjudicative actions through OPM's Personnel Investigations Processing System (PIPS). This is the preferred method, versus completing the paper version and mailing it back to OPM, to expedite adjudicative reporting to OPM. Electronic reporting also facilitates reciprocity of background investigations.

New Procedure: On March 18, 2010, OPM released FIN #10-03 titled "INV Form 79A, Report of Agency Adjudicative Action on OPM Personnel Investigations" to announce revisions to the current 79A.

Closed investigations will now include the revised 79A. The determination selections have changed to help facilitate clearance and suitability reciprocity. FIN #10-03 includes a 79A fact sheet that provides examples of when it is appropriate to select the various codes for different adjudicative actions, and provides other helpful implementation guidance.

Mission Area Personnel Officers are reminded to refer to the March 10th email from Susan Gulbranson, Chief of PDSD, requesting they identify **at least one person** for each Security Office Identifier to gain access to PIPS/CVS in order to begin electronically reporting their adjudicative actions via the 79A. Completed INV-70B forms, revised 3/10, should be sent to PDSD by fax to (202) 720-1689.

USDA's goal is to submit ALL 79A forms, from PDSD and field HR offices, electronically by December 31, 2010.

Further Information: All FIN's are in the Library section of OPM's Secure Portal.

A copy of the FIN and the INV-70B form is attached.

For further information, please contact John Loveless at (202) 720-7373.
